

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Bazel's Chapel Inventory Number: D-274
Address: 4136 Bestpitch Ferry Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Cambridge Zip Code: 21613 County: Dorchester
USGS Quadrangle(s): Blackwater River
Property Owner: M.E. Church Tax Account ID Number: 003785
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 18 Tax Map Number: 72
Project: Proposed Tower Site: Bucktown, Dorchester County, Maryland Agency: Maryland Dept. of Budget and Management
Agency Prepared By: A.D. Marble & Company
Preparer's Name: Stacey Streett and Stephanie Foell Date Prepared: 6/24/2005
Documentation is presented in: Proposed Tower Site: Bucktown, Dorchester County, Maryland
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Architectural Description:

Please refer to MIHP Form D-274 for prior survey information.

Bazel's Chapel (D-274) is located at 4136 Bestpitch Ferry Road, 100 feet from the west side of the road, and faces east. The property contains a chapel that was built in 1911. It stands on the site of the original chapel that was constructed in 1876. The one-story, rectangular chapel is a modest, gable-front, frame building. It is three bays wide by three rooms deep. The chapel features vernacular interpretations of the Gothic Revival style. The prior survey form indicates that the chapel was sheathed in clapboard. However, the building is currently clad in vinyl siding. Brick piers support the building. Poured-concrete steps reach the paneled-wood, double-door entrance, located on the symmetrical façade. The façade contains lancet windows located on either side of the entrance, a multi-pane, triangular transom above the entrance, and a smaller lancet window without shutters centered in the front gable. One-over-one, fixed-pane, lancet windows comprise all of the fenestration, with lancet-shaped shutters hinged to one side of each window. A symmetrical row of three lancet windows is located on the north and south elevations.

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MHT Comments:

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/11/05
Date

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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Date

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An apse is located on the west elevation. It is a one-bay-wide, shed-roof projection, which contains single, lancet windows on the north and south elevations.

Composite shingles cover the roof. Interior, brick chimney stacks are located above the central lancet windows on the side elevations. They rise from the lower ends of the north and south slopes of the roof.

Until recently, the parcel contained a secondary, gable-front, frame building—a church hall or vestry—located southwest of the chapel. However, a fallen tree located south of the building has recently destroyed the building. It was three bays wide and contained a double-door entrance on the façade. It was sided in clapboard. Dense woods border the western and southern portions of the property. A marshland is located north of the property. The chapel is located in an open area of land surrounded by trees and is separated from the roadway, lending a sense of tranquility to the parcel.

Interior access was not granted as part of this survey.

Significance

General Project Area Description

Bucktown, Maryland, is located in Dorchester County, approximately ten miles south of Cambridge. Bucktown is primarily an agricultural area that is adjacent to the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. The terrain is relatively flat with the large majority of land used for agricultural purposes. The project area directly abuts the Little Blackwater River on the west, and much of the terrain is marshland in this area. The project area has a low level of elevation, approximately 5 feet above sea level.

Primary crops grown in Bucktown include corn and soybeans. Large industrial poultry houses of recent dates of construction are also present on several farms. Portions of the project area adjacent to the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge have a substantial tree canopy flanking the roadways.

History of Bucktown

Bucktown was formed from the land holdings of Bartholomew Ennalls. A native of York County, Virginia, Ennalls owned thousands of acres of land in southern Maryland in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Virtually no scholarly information exists on the establishment or development of Bucktown. It is largely ignored in scholarly histories of Dorchester County, and few primary or secondary resources relating to the town are available. A detailed review of maps of Dorchester County indicates that the name Bucktown first appears on maps in the late eighteenth century.

It is described as "five miles from a railroad station. A fertile farming country surrounds it. . . . about forty people in ten or twelve dwellings measure the size of the quiet town where the ring of the hammer on the blacksmith's anvil is no more heard. No town growth."

Tobacco was the primary crop cultivated in the area. It was exported to England for sale, and provided a certain degree of wealth to many of the tobacco plantation owners. After the onset of the Revolutionary War, when trade with England was suspended, corn, wheat, and rye plantings replaced tobacco as the most prominent agricultural crops. Livestock were also raised in larger numbers. The crops and animals were used for both home consumption and to supply the army. These crops remained the primary products planted until after the Civil War. After that time, grain crops became less common.

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Bucktown is perhaps best known for its association with Harriet Tubman, a slave who was a critical figure in the Underground Railroad. Because Tubman was born into slavery, very little precise information about her early life is available. Consequently, much misinformation about Tubman has been disseminated throughout time. Reliable sources indicate that she was born circa 1820, possibly in or near Bucktown.

She spent her earliest years at the Brodess plantation, which was located just outside of Bucktown. Later, she moved with her owner to other locations within a ten-mile radius of Bucktown. Tubman gained her freedom in 1849, when she escaped to Philadelphia. She eventually settled in Auburn, New York, where she established a home for elderly former slaves. Three buildings in Auburn with associations to Tubman have been designated National Historic Landmarks by the Secretary of the Interior. These include her own residence, the Harriet Tubman House, and the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged. The church where she worshiped in Auburn, Thompson AME Zion Church is also designated.

Historic Resources in Bucktown

Relatively few built resources are present within the Bucktown vicinity. This is due to the prevalence of large swaths of agricultural land in cultivation. The majority of buildings in Bucktown are residences. Almost all of the buildings more than 50 years of age are farmhouses from the late nineteenth or early twentieth centuries. Most of the residences retain their basic forms, which include I-houses and smaller cottages. Many of the residences have side or rear additions. Most have been re-sided in either aluminum siding or asbestos shingles. Replacement windows and enclosed porches are other common alterations. The conditions of the residences range from excellent to poor, with several near collapse.

Few historic agricultural buildings associated with the farmhouses remain (although several of the properties were inaccessible and only farmhouses were visible from the right-of-way). New agricultural buildings consist primarily of large-scale poultry houses sheathed in metal.

An abundance of houses dating from the late 1950s through the present are found in Bucktown. Most are modest, single-story houses with minimal architectural detail. These newer houses are located on small plots of land in linear patterns, unlike the houses of earlier eras, which were located on large plots of farmland.

Several modest frame chapels are located in the vicinity of Bucktown. They are associated with African-American congregations in the area.

The Bucktown Store is the sole resource associated with commerce in the area. As with other general stores in small towns, it likely served the town with basic supplies. However, Bucktown's proximity to Cambridge allowed for a reasonable commute into the larger city for commercial goods.

The historic and cultural landscape within Bucktown conveys the historic agricultural use of the land. Although historic crops in Dorchester County included tobacco and grains and not the currently omnipresent soybeans, the land has remained cleared and used for agricultural purposes. Other components of the landscape are used as part of the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge and appear to be in their pristine natural condition. Substantial sections of the region, most notably in the area surrounding the wildlife refuge, are covered with thick stands of tall trees.

Methodist Chapels in Maryland

The Methodist religion is historically most concentrated in the Eastern Shore region of Delaware and Maryland (Williams

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1997:59). The first rural, African-American Methodist Church was established in 1847 by free African-American slaves in Cumberland, Maryland (Chiat 1997:223). Rural Methodist chapels were not architecturally ostentatious, but modest gable-end structures, similar to early meetinghouses. During the nineteenth century, Methodist congregations traditionally worshipped in modest, symmetrical, frame buildings. Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Church is contemporary with a group of Methodist churches that experienced a distinctive pattern of architecture in the lower Eastern Shore region. Harriet Tubman's family members reportedly worshipped at Bazel's Chapel. The original building associated with Tubman's extended family burned and the present chapel was constructed in 1911. Bazel's Chapel, otherwise known as Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Church, is an example of a vernacular religious architecture. It resembles the more sophisticated Scott's Chapel (D-270), located north of Bucktown. The chapel is similar to other churches in date of construction, building form, and architectural detail. No information on the builder or architect was uncovered during research. The 1877 Illustrated Atlas of Dorchester County shows a church and a school at the location of Bazel's Chapel. Today, Bazel's Chapel opens periodically throughout the year for religious services, and summer celebrations in honor of Harriet Tubman are held at Bazel's Chapel (Clinton 2004:218). Reports that the building was moved from another location could not be substantiated.

Determination of Eligibility

The property was evaluated for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. According to the National Register:

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. that are associated with the lives of significant persons in our past; or
- C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. that have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

Bazel's Chapel is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is not associated with any significant historic events and is not eligible under Criterion A. Despite the claims to ties with Harriet Tubman, the present building dates to 1911, and is not associated with her. It is not associated with any significant people that would make it eligible under Criterion B. It is eligible under Criterion C as an excellent example of a nineteenth-century, African-American chapel. These types of buildings were constructed in the years following Emancipation and are commonly modest chapels. The Bazel Chapel continues to display the common gable-front configuration that was common, and is typically devoid of ornamentation.

A fallen tree recently destroyed the related church hall, which appeared to be of a more recent construction date. The chapel retains integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, association and feeling, and it continues to convey its original function as a modest house of worship. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D.

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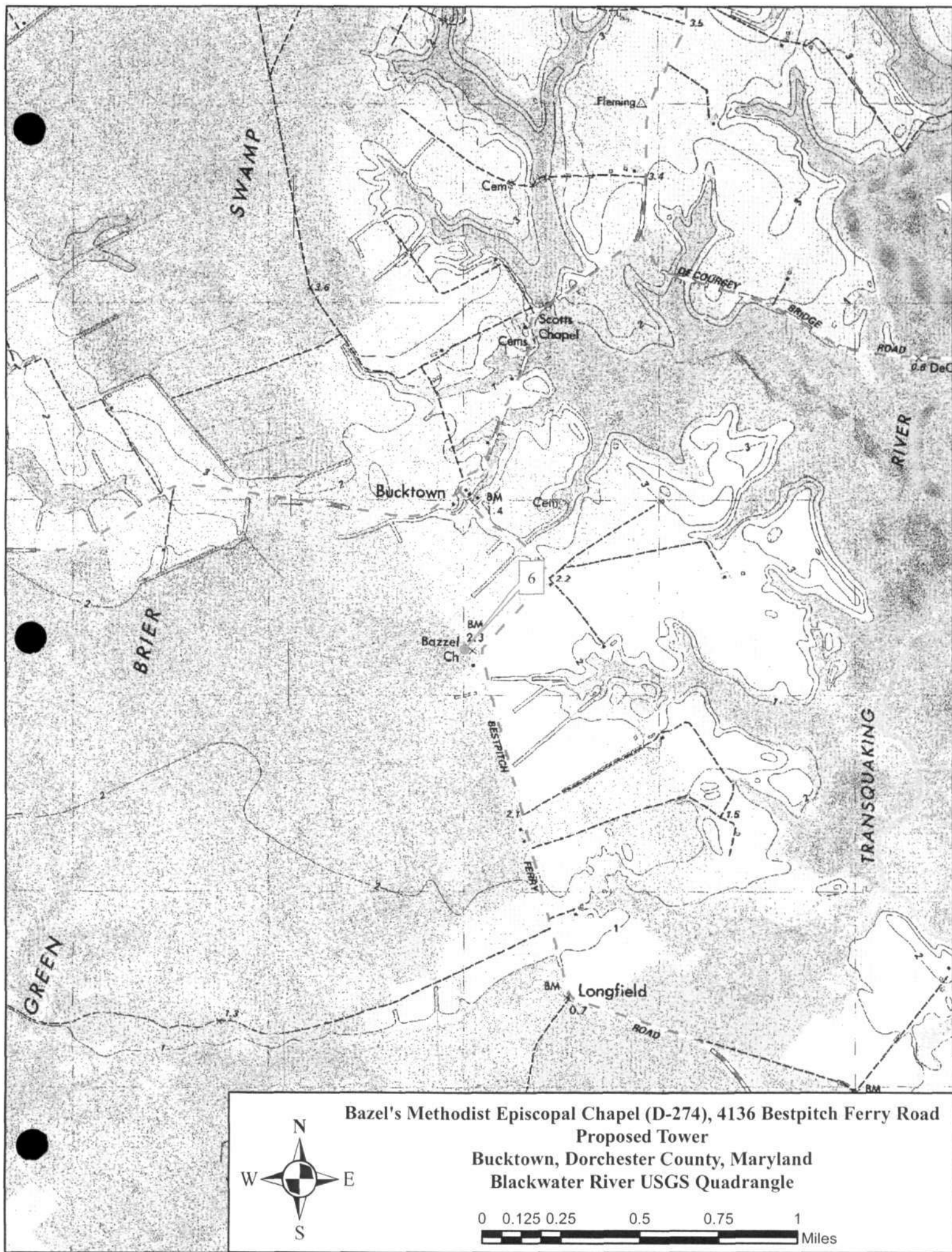
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Date_____
Reviewer, National Register Program_____
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NO
TRESPASSING

BAZZLE
Church

4136

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Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Chapel

Dorchester County, MD

S. Streett

4/2005

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View to the west from W. side of Bastpitch Ferry Rd

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Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Chapel

Dorchester County, MD

S. Streett

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MD SHPO

Southeast elevation and collapsed church hall

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Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Chapel

Dorchester County MD

S. Street

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MD SHPO

South elevation

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Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Chapel
Dorchester County, MD

S. Street

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MD SHPO

Northwest elevation

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Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Chapel

Dorchester County, MD

S. Foell

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View to the west, prior to collapse of hall
(facade)

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Dorchester - 274
Bazel's ME Church
Bucktown Rd.
Bucktown, MD

1876, 1911

Access:Public

Bazel's Chapel is situated in an historic black area known as Bucktown. Harriet Tubman was born near this site and members of her family belonged to this church. The region once had many black farmers but in recent years these farms have been sold to whites. Monroe Lake, a trustee of the church has been responsible for the church's preservation . The church is open for services once or twice a year.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME						
COMMON: Bucktown Colored Church						
AND/OR HISTORIC:						
2. LOCATION						
STREET AND NUMBER: South of Bucktown .5 mile, Bestpitch Ferry Road						
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge						
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester				
3. CLASSIFICATION						
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments		
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious				
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY						
OWNER'S NAME: Bucktown Colored Church						
STREET AND NUMBER: RFD						
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge			STATE: Maryland		21613	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION						
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Dorchester County Courthouse						
STREET AND NUMBER: High Street						
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge			STATE: Maryland		21613	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):						
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS						
TITLE OF SURVEY:						
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local						
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:						
STREET AND NUMBER:						
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

South of Bucktown stands a small frame chapel on the edge of the woods. It is a three bay long and three bay wide building constructed on brick piers. The walls are covered with plain weatherboards and the windows have 1/1 sash with miter arches and plywood shutters. It's entrance has a double door with transom. Above the door is a small window.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the 1877 Atlas, a church is indicated in this location with a school. The building is of interest since it was constructed by the black community for religious worship, and resembles the more sophisticated Scott's Chapel, north of Bucktown.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	Nov, 1975
STREET AND NUMBER:	
Shaw House, 21 State Circle	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Annapolis	Maryland 21401

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bazel's Chapel

AND/OR COMMON

Bazel's ME Church (Bazzel Church, Bucktown Colored Church, Harriet Tubman Church)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bucktown Rd. (Now on Bestpitch Ferry Road)

CITY, TOWN

Bucktown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

☒ SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

—OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trustees, Bazel's ME Church
C/O Monroe Lake

Telephone #: N/A

STREET & NUMBER

Bucktown Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md., 21613

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE:

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Dorchester Co. Court House

Liber #: FJH 1

Folio #: 35

STREET & NUMBER

High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE 1876-1911

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bazel's Chapel stands 100' from the west side of Bucktown Road. The building faces east. It is gabled (East-West). The church is built of weatherboard. It was erected in 1876 and rebuilt in 1911. The church is 36' across the front facade and 48' in depth. There are two concrete steps that lead to the double wooden front doors (6 paneled). There is a triangular transom atop the door (3 panes-clear-glass). There is a 2½' lancet (clear-glass... one over one) window in the east gable. There are two lancet windows (one over one...clear-glass) 4½' in the front facade (one at each side of the door). There are 3 identical lancet windows in the north side of the building and again on the south side of the building. There is a 4' bay sacristy on the west end of the church.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1876-1911

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American
History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

269-2893

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

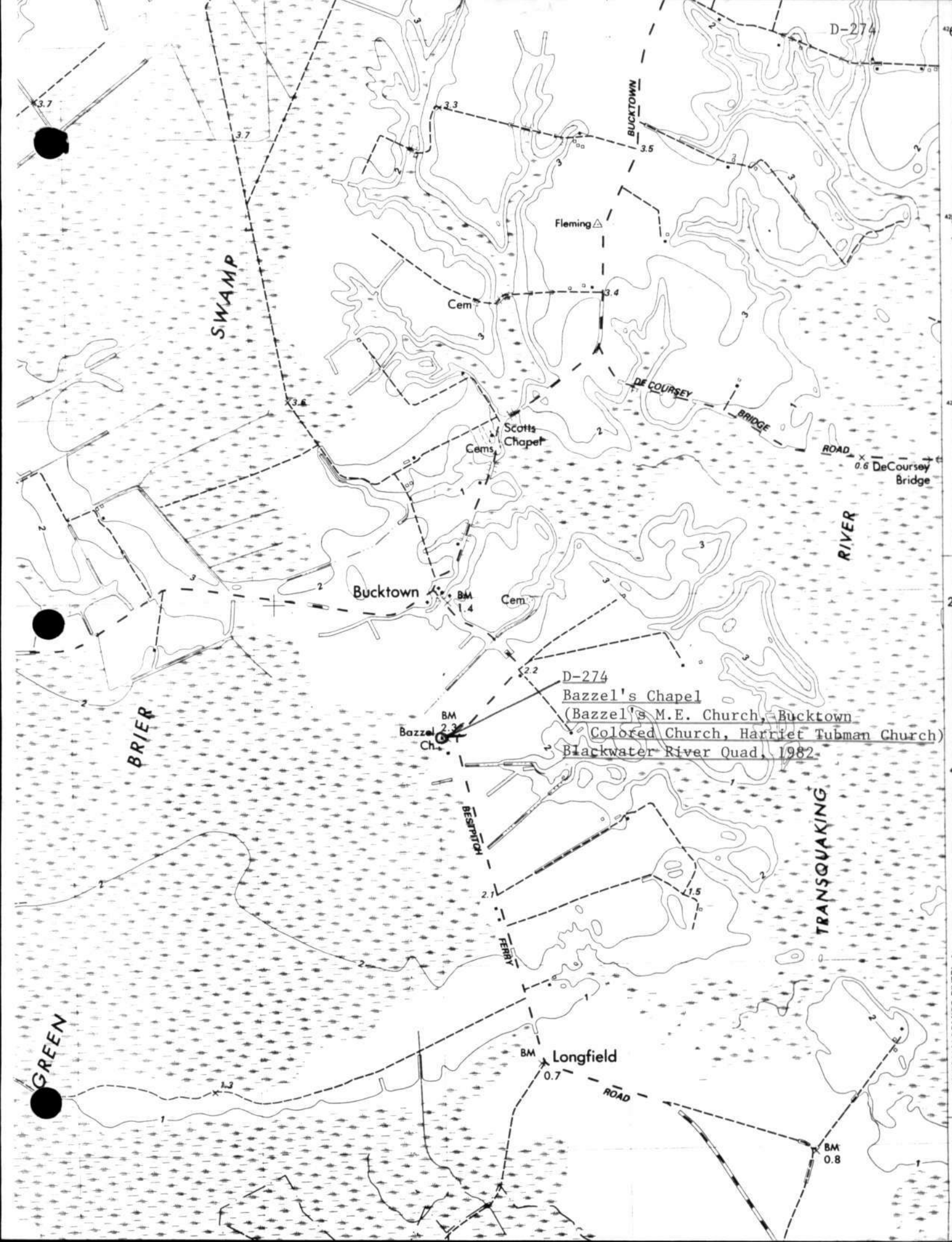
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
East elevation - detail
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Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
Southeast elevation
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